GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Procurement of Kharif Crops
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foodgrains produced by the farmers as Rabi and Kharif crops have been procured by the Government at the prescribed minimum support price in the country during last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof foodgrain, Mandi, quantity and State-wise including Rajasthan;

(c) whether the Moong, Moth and Gwar crops are rotting with farmers themselves in the absence of adequate remunerative prices for the crops, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the prices of agricultural produces are decreasing steadily resulting in major differences in rates of agricultural produce; and

(e) if so, whether the Government is considering to formulate any fixed rule or issue directions for procurement of foodgrains at the minimum support price regularly at prescribed times from each of the foodgrain Mandi in order to resolve the said problem, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Paddy and Wheat are procured by Food Corporation of India(FCI) every year for the Central pool. In the last two marketing seasons, procurement of paddy and wheat for the country as a whole is as follows:
(fig in Lakhs MT)

Paddy	Wheat
Kharif Marketing Season 2014-15	Kharif Marketing Season 2015-16	Rabi Marketing Season 2016-17	Rabi Marketing Season 2017-18
320.40	342.18	229.61	308.24

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Further, for both these crops State wise, crop wise & mandi-wise procurement made are enclosed in Annexure I.

MSPs are notified by the Government for both Kharif and Rabi foodgrains (cereals & pulses). The cereals include 4 Kharif and 2 Rabi crops. The pulses include 3 Kharif and 2 Rabi crops. In case of pulses, Government also provides Bonus over and above the MSP.

Apart from FCI operation in respect of paddy and wheat, Government through DAC&FW, operates procurement scheme called Price Support Scheme (PSS). Under this, procurement of all pulses, oilseeds and cotton can be undertaken, whenever prices in the market fall below notified MSP. However, such procurement operations are approved by the Department, only on request of the State/UTs Government which agree to exempt the procured commodities from levy of mandi tax and assist central nodal agencies in logistic arrangements, including gunny bags, working capital for state agencies, creation of revolving fund for PSS operations, etc. as required under the scheme guidelines. During the year 2015-16 and 2016-17, the details of procurements made (Mandi-wise, crop-wise & State wise) are enclosed in Annexure II and III.

(c): No such report of rotting of moong, moth and gwar at the farmers level have been received from any State/UT Governments. Moong can be procured under PSS if a situation arises following the guidelines as explained vide answer (a) & (b).

(d): In the month of July, the prices of Moong and Urad have fallen by 5%, Arhar by 5-7% and Chana by 2-4% over the previous month's prices. However, there is no trend of a month to month steady decline in any crops which can be a cause of concern. If there is any decline, Government is willing to procure under PSS when the requests are received from State/UTs, and they comply with the guidelines.
(e): Government already has PSS for procurement of oilseeds, pulses and cotton and MIS for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities which are perishable in nature and not covered under PSS, and for which no MSP is notified.